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Arena opened up to stranded drivers

BY KEVIN VINK
 MVP Staff

Despite three multi-vehicle crashes and many more smaller incidents, police reported no injuries in the chaos on Highway 2 in the Didsbury and Carstairs area on Friday, Jan. 2.

Cpl. Warren Wright said weather was a contributing factor in the incidents, which included everything from small cars to semi-trucks. Freezing rain in the early morning turned into ice on the roads and blowing snow reduced traction further, and lowered visibility.

Wright noted that what likely happened in many cases was that one vehicle would hit the ditch to avoid rear-ending a stopped or slowed vehicle, and others would follow suit.

All vehicles that ended up in the median were

stopped by the cable barrier, he added.

The incidents are still under investigation, although he said most of them were chain reactions from earlier incidents. He described how the first incident north of the Carstairs overpass in the northbound lane caused further incidents because people were going highway speeds when they came upon the snarled traffic.

There was a fatal crash on Highway 2, a few miles south of Bowden near the Olds overpass that same day, he said.

With the assistance of Cremona and Carstairs fire crews, police were able to take most of the drivers and passengers involved in collisions to the Carstairs arena, he noted.

CAO Carl McDonnell explained that the practice is not new, and that only a handful of people were expected to arrive in the arena.

"So right now it looks like it will be six or eight people, which isn't a (big) deal for us," said McDonnell, noting that during last spring's large pileup, there were about 50 people at the arena.

Some were checked out for minor injuries and others were simply given a phone to use to call friends or relatives.

One woman, who asked her name not be used, said she had been heading to Red Deer from Calgary before being rear-ended.

She and her two daughters were in the vehicle at the time, when she decided that it would be best to turn around and make the trip another time.

She had just turned into the Carstairs overpass in order to turn around, when she slowed down behind a semi-truck and trailer.

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Group hoping to lend a hand locally

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

There's a new group in town looking to help those who need a hand up.

Essentials For Our Community Didsbury was incorporated as a society at the beginning of December 2014 as a way to help people meet their basic needs. Gil Enns, president of the Didsbury Car Club and the president of Essentials For Our Community Didsbury said at the conclusion of one of the car club's events earlier in 2014, the car club was wanting to donate event proceeds to a local charity but found there was no such organization, so a group of civic-minded citizens

banded together to see what could be done.

"There was no place in town for that, so we decided to start that," Enns said.

Over the course of a few months, Essentials For Our Community formed a board of directors and gained society status so that any monetary support the group garnered for local initiatives could be properly documented and tax receipts given out for contributions.

"It's a lot easier to collect donations and get support from the public (with society status)," Enns said.

Many on the society's board of directors see and hear of the need in the community and thought this would be a good way to get

"We're looking for cash donations so we can purchase (credit vouchers) to AG Foods."

GIL ENNS
president

Essentials for Our Community/Didsbury

involved, Enns said. While the Mountain View Food Bank and other such groups do good work, many people in Didsbury who need to access those services are without the necessary transportation to access those services, Enns added. Any money raised locally will stay in Didsbury.

Enns said the society has secured the support of AG Foods.

"We're looking for cash donations so we can purchase (credit vouchers) to AG Foods," he said.

Anyone wanting to volunteer with the society or who may know of someone who may need the society's help is urged to contact board members. Enns can be contacted at 403-994-0845. Maureen Hommy, the society's treasurer, can be contacted at 403-556-0782.

Carstairs responds

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"We went to slow down but others were going too fast and it was just too late," she said, noting that the vehicle ended up in the ditch.

"It was just too bad. We were just going to try and get out of there."

One of her daughters was checked out by EMS for possible injuries, but other than that the trio left unscathed, though the woman lost her cellphone at some point.

They were taken to the arena by Carstairs firefighters.

McDonnell explained that the town usually gets the request from RCMP to house uninjured victims until they can find a way home, and they are generally provided with a meal if needed.

He noted he only remembered one instance where people brought to the arena had to stay the night, and in that case, some local residents let the

stranded people stay in their homes. Pharmasave owner Jody Keller opened up the pharmacy so a couple could acquire medications that they had lost.

"(The process) actually works out really well. There's a whole network with the emergency management team."

As far as safety is concerned, he said drivers can do a few things to make sure they can travel and arrive at their destinations safely.

"Check AMA for road conditions before heading out to ensure the roads are in decent shape. Make sure you're running on winter tires, which will reduce stopping distance," said Wright.

"The other thing is to prepare for the unexpected. If you're in an accident, you need to have appropriate clothing to be outside for an extended period of time, and you need your cellphone. And be prepared to take accommodations if necessary, because a lot of people are taken off guard."



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Protester vows to be back at MLA's office Wednesday



Don James speaks with Dale Vickery in front of MLA Bruce Rowe's office in Olds on Dec. 30.

BY DOUG COLLIE &
DAN SINGLETON
MVP Staff

A man protesting the move by Olds-Didsbury-Three Hills MLA Bruce Rowe and eight other Wildrose party MLAs to sit with the governing Progressive Conservatives, says he'll be back in front of Rowe's office to protest again, starting Jan. 7 when it reopens after the Christmas break.

Nine Wildrose MLAs, including Rowe and the party's former leader, Danielle Smith, crossed the floor to sit with the government in mid-December.

Twice, Don James, 68, of Carstairs has stood in front of Rowe's office to protest the move, bearing a sign that says "Betray = Resign" (although the equal sign was positioned vertically instead of horizontally).

James said the sign means that, having betrayed his constituents by crossing the floor, Rowe should resign.

His most recent such protest was Dec. 30. Before that, he stood there with his sign on Dec. 22.

"The next move would

be when Mr. Rowe's office is open. And that's Jan. 7. That's according to the sign in the door," he said during an interview with the *Albertan*.

He was asked if he might resume his protest before then.

"I don't plan on standing on the street. I'd sure be encouraged if I saw somebody else do it in the interim," he said.

"If somebody else does it you might join them?" he was asked.

"Yeah, I would," he

said.

James said he received lots of support for his stand although he was unable to say precisely how many people did so.

"There was a fellow from the constituency office who I had quite a lengthy conversation with, and he said that their position was that they were simply annoyed that Bruce Rowe would not have taken the time to consult the constituency office and then the electorate,"

James said.

"Two-thirds of the people he talked to he said were 'personally offended.' And to say he simply didn't have time to do it is kind of an affront to the electorate," he added.

James also said several people honked horns, while others driving by wound down their windows. Some waved. He took all that to mean they supported his position.

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Colts resume season with strong game

BY PAUL FREY
MVP Staff

The Mountainview Colts resumed the Heritage Junior Hockey League season on Jan. 3 with an 8-3

victory over the Ponoka Stampede.

The victory was the Colts' fifth in a row dating back to a Dec. 13 triumph over the Red Deer Vipers on Dec. 13. The line of Ben Strautman, Evan Thompson and Cole Sutherland combined for 12 points against the Stampede, with Strautman getting three goals, Sutherland a goal and three assists and Evan Thompson two goals and three assists.

"They really had a strong night, that line," said Brent Youngs, the Colts' assistant coach, adding that it couldn't have come at a better time, with the Colts down to three forward lines for the game due to player absences.

The Colts took advantage of the Stampede's languishing in the standings (seventh in the north division) by jumping out to a quick 3-0 lead after 20 minutes of play on goals by Thompson, Ryan Klinck and Sutherland.

Another positive for the Colts was that they managed, for the most part, to stay clear of the penalty box, which hasn't always been the case, even during the Colts' winning streak.

"The guys played very disciplined hockey up there. We didn't take a lot of stupid penalties or anything and all around it was a good way to start the new

year," Youngs said.

Special teams played a large role in the Colts' success, with three power-play goals and a short-handed goal by Klinck.

"Special teams definitely played a key role for us and our five-on-five play was strong," Youngs said.

With Sutherland's four points, he picked up where he left off as the player of the week for December 15 to 22, when he notched 10 points in the previous three games. Sutherland now has 42 points on the season, four more than Thompson for the team lead in scoring.

Youngs said the team is firing on all cylinders, just in time for the key part of the season. The Airdrie Thunder is two points ahead of the Colts in the northern division, with the two teams scheduled to square off at the Didsbury Memorial Complex on Jan. 7.

"Right now we're going good. We ended (December) with four wins and we went into Ponoka (and played well). January is a big month for us. We have 11 games (during the month) and nine of them are against divisional (opponents), so this is a really important month for us. This will definitely be the month that will decide where we finish in the standings," Youngs said.

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ATOM: Brayden Sinclair

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ATOM: Ryley Lodermeier

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Ryley is good at sports, he likes to hang with his family and friends. He loves to skateboard and play video games. His favorite song is Anaconda.

ATOM: Jesse Rylance

Age: 10 Position: Defence



Jesse likes to golf, camp and hike. Jesse is interested in rebuilding his 1990 Ford F250 with his Dad. His favorite NHL player is Devin Setoguchi.

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Rowe

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"From the furtive

street, without saying so, they certainly weren't against what I was doing," James said.

"Just standing there and watching them go by, they looked at me and they certainly weren't thumbs down or - they didn't have a different opinion," he added.

James repeated his position given in an earlier interview that the crossing of the floor was cynically timed to occur close to Christmas so people would be distracted and not pay much attention to it or do much about it.

He was asked if that move will "go to the back burner."

"No, I think there's enough just personal animosity now that it's going to stay and if (Alberta Premier Jim) Prentice calls a spring election, this is still going to be an issue," James said.

Having done this and vented his anger, James was asked if he plans to run in the next provincial election.

"I don't have any political agenda with-

in the party structure. The bottom line is, I'm not sure I could get along with either of them," James said with a laugh. "I have no ambitions to run."

He was asked why his message has a vertical equal sign, rather than a horizontal one.

"Well, it's because I'm not a very good sign maker," James said. "It was simply because of the way I built the sign. That's all."

"First I was going to go 'betrayal,' but that's improper English, so I put 'betray' and then I didn't have room to put 'resign' beside it so in order to get the letters large enough to be seen what you saw is what I ended up with. So if I had to do it again, I would have done it differently."

He was asked if anyone seemed to be confused by the message due to that vertical equal sign.

"I'm sure that they were when they went by. The answer is 'yes,' and if I did it again, I would do it in the conventional manner," he said.

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deteriorated but his mind was still as sharp as a tack and he never lost his sense of humour. He was predeceased by his first wife Emma Luft, his father Fred and mother Charlotte Bogner of Edmonton, his sister Irene Sherrick of Beaverton, Oregon, Son-in-law Dennis Smith of Olds, Step- Son Terry Mahood of Perry Sound, Ontario and Step- Grandson David Beatty of Victoria, BC. Garry leaves to mourn his second wife Gwladys his daughter Doreen Smith of Olds, daughter Linda (Art) Birch of Olds, son Allan Bogner of Calgary, extended family daughters Anna (Ray) Stanton of Spruce View, Maureen Eccles of Vancouver, son Donald (Bette) Beatty of Victoria and numerous grandchildren great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. Garry was born in Berlin Germany, came to Canada with his Father and Mother when he was 2 years old, they moved to Didsbury where he resided for the last 90 years. As a young man he joined the Canadian Military in 1942 and shortly thereafter was shipped overseas to Italy to fight in World War II. After returning Garry became a mechanic and worked at several dealerships until he retired in the early nineties. In the spring of 2004 Garry and Gwladys moved into Aspen Ridge Lodge where he resided until his passing. A Memorial Service will be held at the Zion Evangelical Missionary Church in Didsbury on Saturday January 10, 2015 at 3:00 p.m. Memorial tributes may be made directly to the charity of choice. Heartland Funeral Services Ltd., Olds entrusted with arrangements. 403-507-8610 www.heartlandfuneralservices.com



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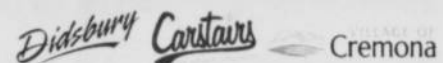
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403, 1881 - 17 Street



Lovely Campus Green apartment condo for sale, over 1200 sq ft, 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, spacious oak kitchen, air conditioning, wrap around balcony with storage closets at each end.

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Extensive renovations! Enclosed front veranda, 3 bedrooms, single detached garage, lovely yard, established location

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758 Stonehaven Dr., Carstairs



Gorgeous executive style home, 1572 sq ft, tile, hardwood, gas fireplace, vaulted ceiling, main floor laundry, quartz counter tops in gourmet kitchen, oversized double attached garage.

\$459,900

2.62 Acres of Country Living



1292 sq ft home built in 1996, open floor plan, gas fireplace, oak kitchen with island, double attached garage, 40' X 80' quonset, on pavement.

\$579,900

10.25 Acres NW of Didsbury



Zoned AG2, ravine view, most of the way on pavement, services at the road.

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2143 - 18 Avenue



3 bedroom bungalow with many main floor and exterior upgrades, country kitchen with newer white cabinetry, vinyl windows, large lot, single detached garage, backs onto park.

\$239,900

**Out with the old
and in with the new!**

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The Porch Boyz

37 Sandpiper Drive



3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, hardwood, open plan, great basement setup for entertaining, fully fenced, nice subdivision near the high school.

\$369,900

55 Southridge Crescent



1678 sq. ft. mobile on its own lot, lots of upgrades in recent years, metal roof, 3 bedrooms, fenced back yard, great starter or revenue home.

\$179,900

1203 - 21 Street



Over 1400 sq ft bungalow, recent upgrades, 3 + 2 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, tankless hot water system, walk up from basement, double heated detached garage.

\$284,900

830 Stonehaven Dr., Carstairs



Brand new 1575 sq ft 2 storey, 3 bedrooms plus upper floor den, 2 1/2 baths, hardwood, gas fireplace, large yard backing onto Carstairs golf course.

\$409,900

221 Valarosa Place



Gorgeous family home, 3 + 1 bedrooms, 3 baths, hardwood, tankless hot water, in floor heat in basement, heated bathroom floors on main, detached garage.

\$349,900

1 Mile South of Didsbury



Terrific acreage on pavement, 2.67 acres, 1392 sq ft character home, 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, older barn, lots of mature trees and room to roam.

\$309,900

52 Stromsray Gate, Carstairs



Fantastic 50+ home, over 2400 sq ft developed, quartz counter tops, large walkin pantry, walkout on third level, gas fireplace, etc...

\$439,900

46 Stromsray Gate, Carstairs



Spacious floor plan in this 50+ condo unit, hardwood floors, coffered ceiling in living room, gas fireplace, amazing ensuite, covered rear deck with gas hookup, double garage, close to the golf course.

\$439,900

1308 - 23 Avenue



2 + 1 bedrooms, 2 full baths, new basement development, 45 +, no condo fees, nice area of town.

\$259,900

#94, Didsbury Mobile Home Park



Wow! mobile home on rented lot with 2 additions, 1459 sq ft, many upgrades incl. hardwood, drywall instead of paneling, newer roof, siding, furnace etc... 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, nice location in the park.

\$84,900

3.16 Acres Near Didsbury



1180 sq ft home, 3 + 1 bedrooms, 2 baths, 18' X 26' heated workshop, 40' X 60' quonset, on pavement, great little hobby farm set-up

\$489,000

302 Campus Green



Very well cared for apartment condo, 2 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, air conditioning, balcony with 2 storage closets, well run condo with reasonable monthly fees, indoor parking.

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#11 Little Red Acres



1 acre lot on the edge of Water Valley, services to property line, backs onto green space, last lot in Little Red Acres.

\$109,900

2.50 Acres west of Didsbury



Well maintained and upgraded mobile home, wood burning stove, trees, 3 sheds, area prepped for shop, only minutes from Didsbury on pavement.

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